

# DIOCESE OF CHESTER

## PARISH FACT SHEET

*This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy to help it find an appropriate incumbent. It will be accepted as the "statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish" required by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986. Additional information may be given by way of a Parish Profile document.*

PARISH: CHURCH HULME (HOLMES CHAPEL) DATE: 18 FEB 2019

DEANERY: MACCLESFIELD

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Number of C of E churches/places of worship in the parish:	<u>One</u>
2. Population.	<u>ca 6,000</u>
3. Number on electoral roll.	<u>203</u>
4. Usual Sunday attendance ( <i>taken from last annual return</i> ) under 16 years of age:	<u>108</u>
16 and over:	<u>11</u>
5. PCC ordinary income ( <i>i.e. total of voluntary income and other ordinary income taken from last annual return</i> ):	<u>£ 138,000 (2018)</u>
6. Average weekly gift per regular giver:	<u>£ 14</u>

### PERSONNEL

1. Name of (former) incumbent:  
Revd Paul Mason
2. Name(s) of Assistant Clergy (*indicate whether stipendiary (SM) or self-supporting (SSM)*):  
None
3. Name(s) of Readers, Pastoral Workers and any other licensed lay workers:  
Mrs Anne Smith
4. Name(s) and office of any other staff (*such as Church Army Captain, community worker, administrator*) employed. Please state number of hours worked per week:

None other than part-time cleaners

## THE PARISH

1. Is the parish inner urban/urban/suburban/village/scattered rural? Village

2. Is the population

(a) static rising or falling? Rising

(b) settled or mobile? Settled

3. Is the population

(a) Predominantly retired/middle-aged/young families? mainly retired but increasing no. young families

(b) Does it include: professional/executive/manual/unemployed? mainly professional/executive

(c) Describe any ethnic groups resident in the parish:

predominantly British White

4. Estimate the proportion of housing:

(a) owner-occupied: 75%

(b) local authority: 15%

(c) privately rented: 10%

5. Please list:

(a) number and types of schools in the parish:

State Secondary Comprehensive and 6th Form College - 1  
State Primary Schools - 2

(b) number of nursing homes/elderly persons' homes: 4

(c) any youth centres? Scout HQ

(d) any community centres? 1

(e) name(s) of hospitals in the parish: none

6. Name of hospital, if any, of which the incumbent is chaplain:

None

7. Does the incumbent have specific civic responsibilities? If so, what?

No

8. Are there any links with local industry?

No

9. Does the parish have any significant social problems, e.g. high unemployment?

No

## CHURCH SERVICES

1. How do you describe the church tradition?

Traditional catholic / modern catholic / central / open evangelical / conservative evangelical or some other label? CENTRAL

2. Give the pattern of Sunday services:

Each Sunday: 8.30 am Holy Communion

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday: 10 am Morning Prayer

2nd and 4th Sunday: 10 am Holy Communion

3. Which prayer book is used for the services of Holy Communion – if both, please state

Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship? Common Worship Order 1 and Order 2 alternately

Is there a traditional use of	eucharist vestments? Yes/No	<u>NO</u>
	coloured stoles? Yes/No	<u>YES</u>
	scarf and hood? Yes/No	<u>NO</u>

4. What hymn book(s) is/are used?

Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

5. (a) What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish? 2%  
(b) Does any one age group, gender or social class predominate in the congregation?  
Over 60s age group

6. Average number of communicants on a normal Sunday: 80

7. Numbers during the last year

of baptisms:	<u>10</u>
of confirmation candidates:	<u>0</u>
of weddings:	<u>7</u>
of funerals in church:	<u>21</u>
in crematoria:	<u>12</u>

### **BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD**

1. (a) Name of the parish church; St Luke  
(b) Year(s) built; ca 1430  
(c) Date of last quinquennial inspection; Dec 2014  
(d) List any urgent repair work still to be done:

none

2. Other C of E churches (*mission church/daughter church/chapel of ease*) in the parish:

Name:

Condition of repair:

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3. In your view, is the parsonage house likely to need extensive refurbishment/replacement?

Yes/No NO

4. What other buildings (e.g. church hall, curate's house) and land (not churchyard) does the parish own?

(Give addresses, use and condition)

UseAddress Condition of repair

Church Hall, Parkway, Holmes Chapel; good state of repair

Chapel of Rest (disused), Knutsford Road Churchyard: fair state of repair

5. Has the church got a churchyard? Yes/No YES Knutsford Road  
Is it still in use? Yes/No YES  
How many new graves were opened last year? 6  
How many re-openings were there last year? NONE  
Estimate how many years are available for new graves: 50  
Is there a special area for the interment of ashes? YES

## FINANCE

1. Please e-mail (or send) a copy of last year's accounts and last year's annual report of the PCC.
2. Does the church have a stewardship, thanksgiving or planned giving scheme? YES
3. If special money-raising events are held during the year, please give details.

4. (a) What was the amount of expenses paid last year to the: incumbent £ 4980  
assistant clergy £ NONE

(b) Were these the full amounts claimed? If not, why not?

YES

(c) Does the PCC pay a lump sum or reimburse actual expenses claimed? Lump Sum

Is a claim form used? Not currently

5. What is the current amount of Parish Share payable by the parish? £ 78542 ('19)
6. In the last financial year, did the PCC meet its financial obligations to the Diocese in full for payment of its Parish Share? Yes/No YES  
 If not, what amount was paid: £ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In the current financial year, is the PCC up to date with its Parish Share? Yes/No YES
7. Is there any capital project in hand at the moment? Yes/No YES  
 Please give brief details with costs and how they are to be met.  
Church Internal Lighting Conversion to LED (estimated at £30K) cost to be met from existing reserves

## CHURCH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PROVISION

1. (a) Is there a church school in the parish? Yes/No NO  
 Is it controlled or aided? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Number of children on roll: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the number static/rising/falling? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) What relationship/links are there between church and school?

(d) If the school is aided, what is the condition of the building?

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2. What provision is made by the church for teaching:

(a) children:

Sunday School (GENESIS) meets in the Church Hall at same time as 10am church service - there are 3 principal adult teachers; see Parish Profile for more detail.

(b) young people:

None currently - see Parish Profile

(c) adults

Bible Study discussion groups meeting in the Church Hall (Midweek) and the Housegroup - see Parish Profile

3. List church organisations with approximate numbers for:

- (a) children: GENESIS 14
- (b) young people: NONE
- (c) adults: MIDWEEK 10; HOUSEGROUP 6

4. Give details of house/prayer groups:

See Parish Profile for details of the Prayer Network encompassing all Church members at St Luke's.

5. Are the leaders clergy or lay? See Parish Profile

**DISCIPLESHIP AND LAY MINISTRY**

1. How do you rate the strength of lay leadership in the parish? To what do you credit the strength or lack of it?

There is one Lay Reader, licensed until Sep 2019. One man is enrolled on the Foundations for Ministry course with full support of the Church Council.

2. Does the parish have a discipleship course? (e.g. Alpha, Emmaus, Christianity Explored).

Not currently; previously Alpha

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3. What other opportunities does the parish provide to lay people to deepen their discipleship and vocation?

Lay people are encouraged to read the lessons and lead intercessory prayer in services. A small group have been trained as Prayer Partners to assist individuals requesting prayer support after services.

### **ECUMENICAL RELATIONS**

1. State involvement in local council of churches, if any.

St Luke's is an active participant in the local Churches Together group with the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in Holmes Chapel - see Parish Profile for details.

2. Is there a formal covenant with any other denominations?

NO

3. What informal contacts are there?

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

1. Please give details of the support of the Church overseas. How much is given annually?

Bishops' Appeal for Churches in Congo - £1,000 in 2018

2. Give details of the support for home missions and charities.

See Parish Share for details including St Luke's Brinnington £1,250 in 2018

3. Is there an organised system of evangelism in the parish? If so, please describe it.

NO

4. Is there an organised system of follow up to baptisms, weddings, funerals? If so, please describe.

Anniversary cards are sent to baptism families for 5 years by the St Luke's MU. Bereaved families are invited to attend the next annual Memorial Service.

5. What part does the church play in community care (*e.g. the unemployed/homeless/drug addicts/disabled*)?

Several church members act as drivers in the local Christian Communicare group - see Parish Profile.

6. Is there an-organised system of care for the sick and elderly? If so, what?

NO

7. What work does the church undertake with young people, other than in church-based organisations (*e.g. open youth work*)?

NONE currently

**PUBLICATIONS**

1. If there is a history of the church/parish, please e-mail (or send) a copy.

None available in print. The local U3A History Group is currently completing an updated history of St Luke's and Holmes Chapel.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

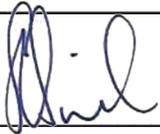
1. What are your current Growth Action Planning (GAP) goals for the next 5 years?

Our GAP3 deliberations and review of services in 2016 need revision in conjunction with our new incumbent.

2. List the areas of church life which you consider are in most need of development.

Engaging with younger families in our expanding local community; expanding our contacts with baptismal families.

See Opportunity and Challenges section of the Parish Profile:

Signed on behalf of the PCC:  Office held: Secretary

Copies of this form, duly completed, should be sent to the following:

1. The Bishop of Chester, Bishop's House, Abbey Square, Chester CHI 2JD. (Hard copy)
2. The Suffragan Bishop, address in Yearbook. (Hard copy for file and electronic copy)
3. The Archdeacon, address in Yearbook. (Electronic copy)
4. The Patron (if the Bishop is the patron, he need not be sent a second copy)
5. The Designated Officer (Mrs E A Geddes, Church House). (Hard copy)
6. The Rural Dean (Electronic copy)
7. The Deanery Lay Chair (Electronic copy)
8. The PCC representatives.